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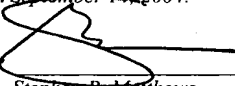
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004, and within the fourth month for responding thereto, and upon payment of the appropriate extension of time fee, as noted in the accompanying Request for Extension of Time To Respond, Applicant herein amends the above-identified patent application as follows: